

	MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SENIOR SERVICES CHILD AND ADULT CARE FOOD PROGRAM	ISSUED	REVISED	CHAPTER	SECTION
	CHILD CARE CENTERS POLICY & PROCEDURE MANUAL	3/91	1/16	13	13.1
CHAPTER Chapter 13. Commodities		SUBJECT Commodities			

Child care centers participating in the CACFP are eligible to receive USDA commodities. Commodities can come in the form of food supplies or additional money.

Commodities are foods that USDA purchases in large quantities. Products purchased may include beef, canned or fresh fruits and vegetables, wheat products, peanut butter, or other available products. USDA distributes these products, through state outlets, to agencies which are eligible to receive them.

Institutions receiving commodities must sign an agreement with the Missouri Department of Social Services, Family Support Division. Signature of this agreement indicates that the institution agrees to abide by terms and conditions contained within the agreement.

Bonus commodities (cheese, butter, honey, and nonfat dry milk) are additional food supplies given to institutions that are already participating in the commodity program. Participants receiving cash-in-lieu of commodities are not eligible for bonus commodities. The supply of bonus commodities is not consistent from year to year. One year a provider may receive bonus commodities and the next year no bonus commodities may be available.

Cash-in-lieu of commodities is a monetary payment for each lunch or supper served. A center receiving cash-in-lieu of commodities will receive a per lunch/supper meal reimbursement. This payment is equivalent to the dollar value of the commodity allotment.

Each year, it is Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services – Community Food and Nutrition Assistance’s (CFNA) responsibility to ask each institution if they would rather receive cash or commodities. This question is asked during the application process. If less than one-third of the institutions choose commodities, CFNA will require that all institutions receive cash-in-lieu of commodities. If more than one-third of the institutions wish to receive commodities, CFNA will provide commodities or cash based on the institution’s preference.

Reference: 7 CFR 226.5